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1. In mid-November 1952, four new wells were drilled in the Yumen (97-13, 40-15) oil field.¹ Six old wells, numbers 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, and No. 1 deep well, were repaired and reconditioned. The majority of these six wells were being operated 24 hours a day.

2. Personnel employed at this field numbered over 4,000, including 20 Soviet technicians and drilling experts.² The generator capacity was 10,000 kilowatts. A machine factory at the field was attempting to make double-blade bits and rock bits.

3. The estimated total crude oil production for 1952 was 11,500,000 gallons.³ The highest monthly production during 1952 occurred in August when a total of 915,000 gallons was produced.

4. From 10-22 November 1952, the following Soviet equipment was received in Peiping, having been sent by ship to Tientsin and thence to Peiping: 30 tanks, 67 rocket guns, 24 howitzers, 500 heavy machine guns, and 500 light machine guns. By 22 November, a small part of this equipment had been shipped to the Northeast by rail. This equipment, originally scheduled to reach China by January 1953, was shipped in accordance with the Soviet-Chinese Communist agreement reached during CHOU En-lai's visit to Moscow in August 1952.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment.

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prospecting team composed of Chinese and Soviet experts discovered oil
near Hsihuits'un (6007/0932/2625), Ch'akou (110-48, 36-51) Hsien, in
September 1952.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED]

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names of officials at the Yumen oil wells as of 23 September 1952.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Total production of crude oil at Yumen oil fields
during 1951 was 9,000,000 gallons [REDACTED]

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